

REMARKS

Amendment to the Claims

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Amendment to the Claims set forth above. Claims 1, 7, 10, 15, and 19-37 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 2, 4, 8, 11, and 13 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 18 has been amended to correct a minor clerical error. New dependent Claims 47-49 have been added. Since all of these changes are supported in the specification, there is no issue of new matter.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional and/or continuation applications containing claims directed to all or part of the subject matter of any claims amended, withdrawn, or canceled at any time during the prosecution of this application, and thus unclaimed subject matter is not dedicated to the public.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office states that Claims 38-46 are allowed, and that Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11-14, and 16-18 are rejected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. As discussed above, Claims 2, 4, 8, 11, and 13 have now been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 3, 5-6, 9, 12, 14, and 16-18 remain as dependent claims that include all the limitations of the claims from which they depend. New Claims 47-49 are also dependent claims that include all the limitations of the claims from which they depend. New Claim 47 recites that the light curable resin comprises a monomer and a polymerization initiator, as described in the specification at page 10, lines 1-2. New Claims 48 and 49 recite that the monomer is selected from the group consisting of epoxides, urethanes, thiol-enes, acrylates, cellulose esters, and mercapto-esters, as described in the specification at page 10, line 17 continuing to page 11, line 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11-14, 16-18, and 38-49 are in condition for allowance.

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Information Disclosure Statements (IDS's)

Applicant acknowledges receipt of initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms listing references provided with the IDS submissions of August 9, 2002; April 17, 200; May 5, 2003; and June 3, 2003.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 7, 10, and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,450,642 ("Jethmalani"). Applicant respectfully disagrees with the basis for this rejection stated in the Office Action. However, since Claims 1, 7, 10, and 15 have now been canceled, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is moot. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, early notification of which would be appreciated. The undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number provided below with any questions regarding this application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410:

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